

REMARKS

Claims 2-3 and 12-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 4-11 have been canceled.

By the present response, applicant has cancelled claims 1 and 4-11. Allowed claims 12-16 remain. Claims 2 and 3 are amended to depend on allowed claim 12. This response obviates all objections and rejections of record. Accordingly, a favorable determination by the Examiner and allowance of the remaining claims is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Second Reply After Final in that it plainly places the application in condition for allowance and raises no new issues. Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-3 and 12-16 are respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi (#40,417) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

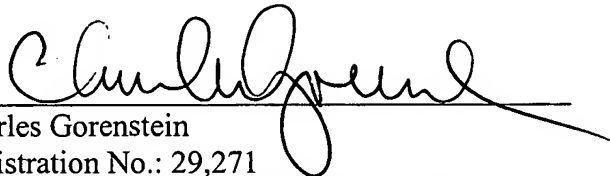
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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